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Re: JOHN THOMAS, janitor at Rutgers College.

Interview with Mr. Thomas regarding information given that he was going to testify that Peter Tumilty and two rough looking men who were in a saloon in the early morning of Sept. 15th, 1922.

Mr. Thomas states that he has not received a subpoena and that he has nothing to testify to that there is nothing to this story which is going around. He states that two days before the murders he had been out cutting the grass in front of the college and it was a hot day, he stepped across the street to a saloon at 106 Somerset Street and had a glass of beer. In the saloon he met Peter Tumilty, who was with two men who seemed to be of different type than himself. They were dressed in old clothes, but appeared to be men who were detectives. Their hands were white and smooth and in fact Tumilty seemed out of place with them. These men seemed to be doing all the talking and Tumilty's face wore an expression of fear. He thought it was strange to see Tumilty in this saloon. During Mr. Thomas' stay in the saloon nothing unusual was said by Tumilty or the two men.

Mr. Thomas states that he is puzzled to know how this story got around. He could not give further information on the matter.

Mr. Thomas has been interviewed before by operative.

Respectfully submitted:

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